



Holyoke Farmer's  
Market opens  
this week

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Farmer's Market summer season began this week on Thursday, June 18. The market will run weekly on Thursdays 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. until Oct. 29. The market will be held at Veterans' Memorial Park in Holyoke, MA on the corner of Chestnut and Dwight Street.

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Initial guidance  
released to  
school districts

HOLYOKE – The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released initial guidance for summer school on Thursday, June 4th, based on recommendations and input from the department of public health, CDC, and education leaders. HPS is utilizing this guidance to inform our summer school plan. The district will send out specific information outlining our summer school plans by Friday, June 12.

The HPS Reopening

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Summer Learning  
Academies  
offered

The Holyoke Public Schools will be offering remote Summer Learning Academies to HPS students in rising grades 1 through 9 this year. If guidance allows, we hope to offer some in-person options later in the summer. We are still examining options for high school options. The summer program will run from July 7 to Aug. 6, 2020. Please register your child as soon as possible as space will be limited. Please reach out to the Department of Extended Learning, Anthony Gibbs agibbs@hps.holyoke.ma.us or Michelle Macklin mmacklin@hps.holyoke.ma.us if you have any questions regarding summer programming.

Holyoke Homework House  
celebrates graduating students

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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Homework House is an afterschool program that gives extra academic help to kids in first grade to seventh grade. The program is typically right after school, and the staff has had to adapt to the online way of learning currently.

Executive Director of Homework House Virginia Dillon explained kids typically get to the house right after school and stay until 6 p.m. Dillon also explained that they had started an online program after the COVID-19 pandemic. Before the pandemic every tutor and peer organizer helped about two or three kids each. There are 205 volunteers for the program, and they receive 85-90 kids for their program every year.

The Holyoke Homework House will also be holding a summer program this year, though they are currently working on the details on how to hold the program post COVID-19. The program will either be a hybrid program or an online program. It would be a five-



Ricardo and Lily Garay attend the graduation parade put on by the Holyoke Homework House. Photo by Shelby Macri

week program and would help those in first grade to seventh grade, with some exceptions of eighth graders. The program wants to reach as many students and families as possible, and with the recent struggles the staff understands that kids will need some extra help.

Though the program started in 2006 and has volunteers ranging from experienced teachers to college graduates and students. The Homework House continued everyday operations online this year, they started back up in early April and did as much as they

could to help their students during this time. The program continued through to its typical ending date, and though they typically hold an end of the year celebration in person, they were not allowed to under the

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School dept. releases  
\$107.4 million budget

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HOLYOKE – While other school districts in the region are cutting back on operating budgets, the Holyoke Public Schools are submitting a \$107.4 million budget, a seven percent increase in spending from last year.

The Holyoke Public Schools have been in receivership for the past five years and the Receiver/Superintendent Dr. Stephen Zrike will retire at the end of the school year.

The School Department's budget proposal has a \$93.9 million tag, but Finance Director Anthony Soto said the rest is fringe benefits for the employees of the district.

"It is important to note that the budget the City of Holyoke publishes for schools is much less because it does not include Fringe Benefits for the School

Department," Soto's summary states. "The budget the City published is \$93.9 million, which represents an increase of \$5.4 million or 6.0%."

A budget hearing was held by the School Committee on Monday evening via Zoom and yielded no comments.

Zrike's budget also reflects some one-time funding for COVID-19 relief.

"The recommended budget of \$107.4 million represents an increase of \$7.5 million from FY 2020," said Zrike. "This increase includes one-time revenue of \$3.8 million, which primarily consists of COVID-19 relief funding, general fund carryover and school choice revenue."

Zrike delivered some sad news about grant funding that was supposed to come into the district.

"We entered our plan-

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Morse introduces  
updated police policies

The measures include  
a civilian review board

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The city officials of Holyoke have taken large steps towards reform during these trying times, like Mayor Alex Morse signing onto the "Mayor's Pledge" and the Holyoke Police Department as they codified the "8 can't wait" policies as numbers 69-76 of the Holyoke Police Department Rules and Regulations.

These "8 can't wait" rules and regulations ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require warning before shooting, exhaust all alternatives before shooting, a duty to intervene, ban shooting at motor vehicles, require use of force continuum, and to require comprehensive reporting. In the 2020 Rules and Regulations, these eight policies are featured and explain how the police department will uphold them.

In all of the policies it says that the department "shall continue to follow" each rule, meaning the department has been try to excursive these policies for some time.

A particularly important rule includes the duty to intervene, where the Holyoke Police Department Rules and Regulations says "All Holyoke Police Officers shall continue to intervene when they believe that a person is in danger of loss of life or serious bodily injury during arrest." it goes on to say "An officer who intervenes on behalf of another will not be disciplined for violation of chain-of-command, regardless of the rank of the officers involved, and shall be afforded all protections inherent in whistle-blower status." These rules are making it clear that police officers are encouraged to speak up and to act against those who are doing their job incorrectly.

This is a powerful rule in regards to the recent abun-

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# Mater Dolorosa announces honor roll

**4th Grade  
First Honors**  
Eoin Balicki, Masen Cruz, Eliza Curran, Ty Sattler, Hunter Skibel and Anna Wesloski

**4th Grade  
Second Honors**  
Grace Garrant, Raymond Gourde, Gavin Kukucka and Rachel Rondeau

**5th Grade  
First Honors**  
Lily Aurnhammer, Emma Chateaneuf, Owen Cubi, Cameron Dextrase, Malachi Guidi, Isabella Hanson, Isaiah Isa, Katelyn Krause,

Timothy Loughrey, Gerald Moreau and Jefferson Wood

**5th Grade  
Second Honors**  
Nicholas Johnson and Henry Koziol

**6th Grade  
First Honors**  
Emma Lynskey

**6th Grade  
Second Honors**  
Natalia Brewer

**7th Grade  
First Honors**  
Vanessa Antil, Brayden Kukucka, Jack Loughrey and Cooper Skibel

**7th Grade  
Second Honors**  
Harman Dhaliwal

**8th Grade  
First Honors**  
Kelsy Brainard, Anastasia Fedora, Caitlin O’Brien and Sarah Stevenson

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## AAA creates travel database for virus restrictions

REGION – As the travel industry prepares to reopen, travelers want to know what restrictions are in place and how they can ensure safe travels. Through recent traveler sentiment studies, 68% of AAA Northeast members say American road trips and a rediscovery of domestic destinations will be their first foray back into travel, beginning this summer. But as they venture out again, they’re asking detailed questions, especially as it relates to new safety protocols.

In response, AAA Northeast Travel created SmartDepart, comprised of a digital travel resource hub, a video channel hosting safety discussion panels, and a travel advisor safety certification program. The first panel discussion kicks off June 9, where leaders from Hertz, American Airlines, Marriott and Princess Cruises will discuss the future travel landscape and how their companies are responding to adapt to this new travel normal. AAA’s Diana Imondi will host the 45-minute discussion meant to educate travelers on the changes, as well as answer questions they may have around enhanced safety initiatives.

“Safety and advocacy have always been pillars of the AAA brand, but now with heightened sensitivity and constant changes in the travel and tourism industry, we want to make sure travelers have a simple and central resource to keep them informed. We are proud to launch SmartDepart, which offers our members a one-stop safety hub and the opportunity

to connect with a travel professional who has been educated on the many diverse sources of information,” says Cyndi Zesk, Vice President of Travel Services at AAA Northeast. “We see it as our responsibility to be on the forefront of what’s next in travel, which today very much includes safe travel practices.”

The SmartDepart Agent Certification program, launching this summer for all AAA Northeast Travel advisors, is a formal learning program customized by the Learning & Development professionals at AAA Northeast. The program will compile insights into the safety, cleaning, policy and amenity changes taking place with travel’s top brands, as well as the latest information around border closures, mandatory quarantines and destination preparation. This designation positions AAA’s professional travel agents with the tools, training and resources needed to guide their clients.

“Our travelers have many questions about the changing landscape of travel and how these changes will impact them and their plans. They are looking for information about boarding procedures on airlines, health check requirements for cruise travel or mask regulations,” says Allison Villaseñor, Managing Director of Product, Partnerships and Innovation for AAA Northeast. “And we’re poised to set our travel agents up with answers to these questions, and more, so we can continue our commitment to member safety.”

## Athletic Hall ceremony called off

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Athletic Hall of Fame Committee announced today that their upcoming Hall of Fame ceremony scheduled for October 2020 has been cancelled. Committee Chairperson, Joseph Dutsar stated that “as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, it became clear to the committee that we needed to make public safety our priority. Thus, in order to ensure the safety of our inductees and their families, it became necessary to cancel the year’s induction ceremony”.

Since the Holyoke Athletic Hall of Fame was formed in 2017, it has recognized former athletes, coaches, and contributors with all proceeds donated to the school’s athletic department. The committee is happy to announce that even with the cancellation of this year’s ceremony, two worthy students will be awarded scholarships to help defray costs associated with attending college.

The committee looks forward to honoring a new class of inductees in 2021.

## Baystate Health announces new visitor guidelines as of June 15

SPRINGFIELD – As Massachusetts continues its re-opening process and begins to lift restrictions on businesses and healthcare organizations, Baystate Health is announcing, effective Monday, June 15, new inpatient and outpatient visitor guidelines.

“We are eager to welcome back visitors and to create a more healing environment for all with policies that are necessary to protect the health and safety of our patients and staff,” said Nancy Shendell-Falik, RN, MA, president of Baystate Medical Center and vice president of operations for Baystate Health.

Visitation hours are daily from noon to 8 p.m.

Non-COVID patients at Baystate Medical Center, Baystate Noble Hospital, Baystate Wing Hospital and Baystate Franklin Medical Center are allowed one visitor at a time in the hospital. Obstetrics patients who are in labor can have one birthing partner or one visitor.

Baystate Children’s Hospital will now allow one parent/guardian or one visitor at a time (only one person will be allowed in the patient’s room at a time).

No visitors are allowed for COVID patients at all hospitals, except:

- Patients under the age of 18 are allowed one parent or guardian.
- Obstetrics patients who are in labor are allowed one birthing partner.
- Hospice patients and end-of-life patients are allowed one person or one clergy member per day.
- Intellectually/physically disabled patients are allowed one companion.

Visitors will not be permitted in common areas such as waiting rooms, cafeterias or gift shops, and must travel directly to and from the patient’s room when entering and leaving the hospital.

For patients attending outpatient appointments or visiting outpatient practices, no companions are allowed except:

- One parent/guardian for a patient 18-years-old or younger.
- One caretaker for a completely dependent patient.

All visitation is at the discretion of Baystate Health.

For the latest information on visitor guidelines, visit [baystatehealth.org/visitors](http://baystatehealth.org/visitors).

## Commonwealth sees continued unemployment decline

BOSTON – Massachusetts had 44,660 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance from May 31 to June 6, an increase of 17,626 over the previous week, according to a recent report from the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

Since March 15, a total of 968,899 initial claims have been filed for UI. At 565,898, continued UI claims decreased by 9,964 or 1.7 percent over the previous week, the second consecutive week of decline.

There were 20,991, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance initial claims filed for the week ending June 6, 33,290 less than the previous week. Since April 20, 594,068 claimants have filed for PUA.

The Pandemic Emergency

Unemployment Compensation, which provides up to 13 weeks of extended benefits to individuals who have exhausted or expired their regular unemployment compensation since July 2019 was implemented on May 21. For the week ending June 6, 3,692 PEUC claims were filed bringing the total of PEUC filings to 46,945 since implementation.

Since March, the customer service staff at the Department of Unemployment Assistance has grown from around 50 employees to nearly 2000. The remote customer service operation is now making more than 35,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host unemployment town halls – which have been held in English, Spanish and Portuguese – and have been attended by around 350,000 constituents.

## LUSO Federal Credit Union supports ‘Be the Match - Brothers for Bryce’ campaign

LUDLOW – LUSO Federal Credit Union recently announced it is supporting the “Be the Match – Brothers for Bryce” campaign to find a blood stem cell match for Bryce Linton, son of Julie Creedon Linton and Michael Linton, owner of Michael’s Party Rentals based in Palmer.

Bryce is affected by Hyper IgM, an immunodeficiency that prevents him from fighting off viruses and bacterial

infections on his own.

“Many of our staff members have children around Bryce’s age, and all of them would do anything they could to help their own children,” said Jennifer M.G. Calheno, president and CEO of LUSO Federal Credit Union. “Sharing this information about Bryce and his search for a donor is a small act we can do that can potentially have a life-changing effect on Bryce and his family. We

pride ourselves on supporting our community; we hope our community will rally around Bryce in his time of need.”

To join the registry, one must be between the ages of 18 and 44; be in general good health and committed to helping anyone in need.

“I can’t express the amazement I have for all the people who want to help my family,” said Julie Linton. “He is an amazing kid and as a mother it kills me

to know this is something I can’t fix for him. It takes a special person willing to step up for someone they never met.”

To help Bryce, folks may complete the digital registration at [Join.BetheMatch.org/BrothersforBryce](http://Join.BetheMatch.org/BrothersforBryce) and have a cheek swab kit mailed to one’s residence. The more people in the registry, the better the chances of finding a match for Bryce and other patients like him.



# Boldyga announces municipal governance assistance bill

BOSTON – Representative Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick) has announced that cities and towns will be given additional tools to safely conduct Town Meetings and municipal elections during the global pandemic, under legislation recently approved by the Legislature.

Senate Bill 2680, An Act relative to municipal governance during the COVID-19 emergency, was enacted by the House of Representatives on a vote of 156-0 on June 4, and by the Senate on a voice vote the same day. The bill is now on Governor Charlie Baker’s desk for his review and signature.

S. 2680 allows for municipal elections and municipal caucuses that were originally scheduled prior to June 30 to be rescheduled to a date no later than August 1.

The municipal governance bill also

allows local select boards, boards of selectmen, town councils and boards of registrars to vote to eliminate any municipal caucus scheduled to occur between March 23 and July 31, if they determine holding the caucus would constitute a threat to public health and safety due to COVID-19. If a town cancels its municipal caucus, local candidates will be required to submit nomination papers signed by not fewer than 10 of the town’s registered voters.

S. 2680 also provides a number of options for conducting Town Meeting business while still maintaining safe social distancing protocols. In addition to allowing Town Meetings to be conducted virtually – with members participating and voting remotely through video or telephone conferencing – the bill also provides for reduced quorums during

the State of Emergency, as long as the reduced number is not less than 10% of the existing quorum requirement. It also allows the select board, in consultation with and with the approval of the town moderator, to move Town Meeting to an alternative site outside the town’s geographic boundaries if needed to ensure public health and safety.

For communities that opt to hold a virtual Town Meeting, the bill requires town moderators to consult with the local disability commission or a coordinator to ensure compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. In communities with a representative Town Meeting form of government, registered voters who wish to participate in the virtual Town Meeting must submit a request to the town clerk at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

S. 2680 also provides additional time for cities to finalize a municipal budget for Fiscal Year 2021, by allowing local mayors to submit an annual budget to the city council within 30 days of the termination of the State of Emergency, or by July 31, whichever is earlier, and extending the deadline for city councils to act on the budget until 60 days after the State of Emergency is lifted. Cities that are unable to finalize a budget by June 30 can operate using a monthly continuing appropriation budget for up to 3 months.

Representative Boldyga represents the 3rd Hampden District, which consists of the city of Agawam and towns of Granville, and Southwick. He can be reached at (413) 569-3137 Ext 103 or via email at Nicholas.Boldyga@mahouse.gov.

## Valley Gives re-launched

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts (CFWM) has re-launched the successful Valley Gives website, Valley-Gives.org.

The “one-stop-giving” online platform aims to connect donors with local nonprofits struggling to provide vital community programs and services—particularly during the COVID-19 crisis. The Community Foundation will promote the Valley Gives website widely to introduce donors to nonprofits in need.

Formerly a single giving day event, Valley Gives will remain “open” for months to come and will give nonprofits a needed fundraising boost. From cultural organizations to environmental programs and educational services, local nonprofits are facing many financial challenges triggered by the pandemic.

Visitors to Valley-Gives.org can find a menu of more than 135 nonprofits serving residents across Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. People can learn about community challenges and can donate to one or many causes—all with a few clicks on the central, online platform.

The website also is a means for individuals to create a “peer-to-peer” fundraising page for a local nonprofit, set a goal, and reach out to their networks of friends and family to raise dollars for the organization.

According to Katie Allan Zobel, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, “Many nonprofits in the Pioneer Valley region have had to reduce programs and cancel fundraising events due to the COVID crisis. Others have been challenged to meet increased needs for services and essentials. Many donors are eager to help. We decided to re-open Valley Gives to facilitate community generosity and to give donors an easy way to learn about and

donate to many nonprofits. Most importantly, Valley Gives is one more way to help reduce the devastating human cost of COVID-19.”

Donors can contribute on the Valley Gives website using a credit card, mobile payment apps, or Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment.

GiveGab donated the cost of the Valley Gives platform. According to Zobel, “GiveGab’s tremendous generosity in providing the platform pro bono and their willingness to expedite the start-up made this possible.”

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts launched Valley Gives, a 24-hour marathon day of giving, in 2012. The event was created to raise critical dollars for the Pioneer Valley nonprofit community, whose programs and services improve the quality of life for countless local residents from all walks of life.

In its six years of one-day online giving combined, Valley Gives Day raised more than \$10 million for nonprofits in the region. In 2018, its final year, more than 400 nonprofit organizations participated in the event.

In addition to Valley Gives, which directly connects individual donors with nonprofits, the Community Foundation established the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley. Grants awarded through the fund provide emergency support to nonprofit organizations in Western Massachusetts serving the needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by the pandemic. To date, the Fund has raised \$4.3 million from 500 donors and has already awarded grants totaling nearly \$2 million.

To donate, visit Valley-Gives.org. To learn more about the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, visit communityfoundation.org.

## Baystate Health and Mercy Medical Center/ Trinity Health offers free virtual seminar

SPRINGFIELD – As a result of changes in how we worship in the wake of COVID-19, Baystate Health and Mercy Medical Center/Trinity Health are sponsoring a free virtual seminar entitled, “Religion & Culture: Its Impact on COVID-19,” on Thursday, June 25 from 2-3:30 p.m.

COVID-19 has changed the central pattern of most religions in the U.S., which is centered on group worship and which quickly shifted from in-person to virtual, online religious services as the pandemic spread. Social distancing has significantly impacted the diverse communities that rely on their religious and cultural groups for their sense of community and belonging. Within the African American and LatinX communities, both religion and culture play a huge role in their decision making, understanding

and adhering to their personal healthcare needs.

The 90-minute virtual event on religion, culture, and its impact on COVID-19, will explore how religious and community leaders can play a critical role in mitigating these challenges, while also acting as public health champions and advocates in their community.

Featured speaker for the virtual seminar is William L. Glover, PhD, Senior Pastor of Mount Hermon Ministries in Fort Myers, Florida. Additional panelists include Sarah Perez McAdoo, MD, MPH, Population Health Capstone Director, University of Massachusetts Medical School – Baystate, and Pastor Eli Serrano of Restoration Worship in Springfield.

To register, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUK-dOysqzgoG9ZwYNuitChK5PhwJjpq584P>.

## Big Y appoints new CFO

SPRINGFIELD – The Board of Directors of Big Y Foods, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Theresa A. Jasmin as CFO following the recent retirement of William T. Mahoney. She is responsible for the company’s strategic planning, finance, accounting, treasury and tax functions. As a senior member of the executive team, she reports to Charles L. D’Amour, president and CEO along with Big Y’s board of directors. And, she represents the first woman to be appointed to the c-suite for the company.

Jasmin has over 25 years of experience in the food industry. She began her career at Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, where she held senior management positions in both Treasury and Accounting. She joined Big Y in 2005 and held several positions of increasing responsibility in accounting and finance. She became controller in 2010. In 2014, she was appointed senior director of finance, followed by vice president of finance in 2016 until her new appointment.

Jasmin holds a BBA from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and an MBA from Western New England University.

In 2014, she was named a Top



Theresa A. Jasmin

Woman in Grocery by Progressive Grocer Magazine and was a founding member of Big Y’s Women LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Action and Development), Big Y’s first ever employee resource group charged with inspiring and empowering women. She currently serves on the Executive Committee and as Treasurer for the YMCA of Greater Springfield. She also serves on the finance committees for both the Massachusetts and Connecticut Food Associations.

She and her husband, David Niemczura have two children and reside in Palmer.

Big Y Foods, Inc. is one of the largest independently owned supermarket chains in New England. Big Y operates 84 locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut including 71 supermarkets, Fresh Acres Market, Table & Vine Fine Wines and Liquors and 11 Big Y Express gas and convenience locations with almost 12,000 employees. Big Y has been recognized by Forbes as a Best-in-State Employer in Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as Employer of Choice by the Employers Association of the Northeast. Founded in 1936 by brothers Paul and Gerald D’Amour, the store was named after an intersection in Chicopee, Massachusetts where two roads converge to form a “Y”.

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Guest Column

Using an “All-weather Umbrella Plan”

By Joan E. B. Coombs



“Wait a minute! New England’s weather will change!” is a well-known phrase for those who live in the Northeast United States of America.

Even when summertime arrives mid-June, sometimes late spring showers mix with unexpected bursts of hail. Thunder and lightning storms usher drenching, puddling rains onto thirsty grounds and gardens. When warm weather sweeps ashore, seacoast squalls billow across beaches.

Whether living in the mountains or valleys of New England’s western regions or the eastern coastal area, most residents could use an action plan while waiting for the weather to switch.

Then, maybe it’s wise to have an “All-weather Umbrella Plan”? Borrowing a familiar insurance policy term helps us to learn that an umbrella policy covers that which needs extra extended coverage.

Whether your go-to umbrella protects you from soaking showers or whether it’s a big backyard umbrella for protection from hours in harmful sunrays, or even if it’s a big, family beach umbrella, its purpose is to provide a covering; a shield; a safe guard from weather-related elements.

Interestingly, an umbrella’s components are well suited for standing up under some of life’s atmospheric issues. Whether it’s cascading, torrential rains or a backyard or beach time with extended sun overexposure, an umbrella offers a protective covering.

Simply put, an umbrella is composed of a shaft, spokes, stretchers, springs, a canopy and a handle. Using a little imagination, let’s pop up “An all-weather Umbrella Plan.” Maybe use it when you’re caught in a rainstorm, or sitting out enjoying the sunshine? Or, possibly use it when dealing with life’s important situations?

First let’s consider an umbrella’s construction and the design’s purpose:

- 1. Shaft: a central, mainstay staff. Strong. Dependable. Adjustable and can be extended to desired, intentional lengths.
- 2. Spokes: “rib-like” supportive, curved structures. Designed purposefully to bend in a curved shape. Flexible. Movable. Supportive to the central shaft.
- 3. Stretchers: Strong, supportive “extended arms” holding up the “rib-like” spokes. Specifically designed to stay connected to each other and to the shaft.
- 4. Springs: Two, shaft-installed catch springs. When pressed, their function brings the umbrella covering UP for protection or DOWN for storage and future use.
- 5. Canopy: A cover made from eight, custom-cut, weather-proof nylon panels.
- 6. Handle: The handgrip is strategically

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Poetry Corner

Unknown For Some

By Thomas J. Kennedy

We’re all going to go or get somewhere  
NOW is your now... Capture it for good...  
Good words and example for all.  
Now listen to His Call.

BEFORE – Your dreams and hopes  
Decision made – No regret then  
But now is wearing weary in doubt, even Him  
Get your moral compass back.  
Find yourself, if on the right track.

Hurt no one, even -even if in your angry hurt...  
You cannot kidnap the past – You weren’t there.  
Now go out and love and care.  
No titles or claims – Bring in the reigns  
Keep it to, “a child of God.”

LATER – Well part of your character,  
Values and who you are.  
Been through a lot – Maybe a few scars.  
Don’t let anyone define you unless without goodness.  
Don’t let anger define you without goodness.

Nor don’t let anyone define you unless without goodness,  
Nor don’t anyone or bad ideas control you.  
You can never be happy doing evil.  
And remember – Stick to Family,  
As family is the rock of Democracy

Discipline yourself in mind and functional family  
And pray for heart love and goodness.  
As discipline is a must for Love,  
And without respect you have no love.  
God’s Peace, Love and Joy.



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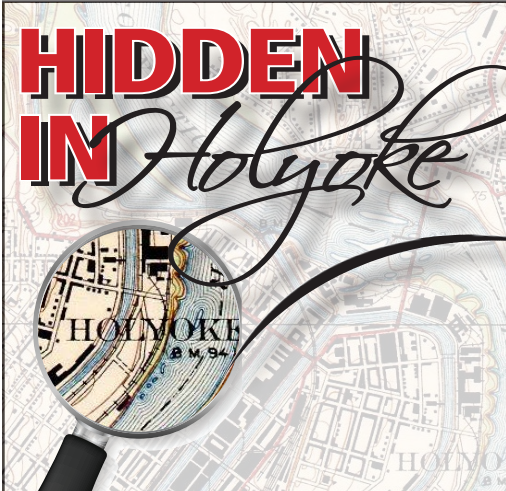
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Last week’s “Hidden in Holyoke” was the Emanuel Restoration Center. Centrol de Restauracion Emanuel Inc. at the Corner of Chestnut and Cabot streets.



Each week, The Holyoke Sun will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city.

Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to “Hidden in Holyoke” via email to TheSun@Turley.com. In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday’s edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to TheSun@turley.com. If more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact The Holyoke Sun at 413-283-8398.



# Western New England renames center after retiring president

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University’s Board of Trustees unanimously voted to recognize the legacy and tenure of President Dr. Anthony S. Caprio’s legacy by adding his name to the University’s Alumni Healthful Living Center.

“With his impending retirement, we as Trustees have reflected on the transformative leadership provided by Dr. Anthony S. Caprio during his

unmatched 24-year tenure as President of Western New England University.” said Chairman Kenneth M. Rickson in recent announcement. “Henceforth, the formal name of the building will be the Anthony S. Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center.”

Opened in 1993, the 115,000 square foot facility houses the university’s athletics and recreation programs.

In a letter to the campus community, Rickson said “The Board noted, Dr. Caprio has had a profound influence - directly and indirectly -- on the lives of more than 24,000 students, half of all Western New England alumni. He boldly led the University through its Centennial in 2019 and into its second century, elevating the quality and breadth of its offerings and transforming it from a regional college

to a nationally ranked university with global reach. All the while, Dr. Caprio has preserved Western New England University’s commitment to a highly personalized learning experience.”

The Board also voted to name Caprio President Emeritus and presented him with a proclamation recognizing his integrity, tenacity and unwavering dedication to the students and educational mission of the university.

## What to do about hungry deer and sick lilacs

Let’s take a look into the archives! Both of the following questions came up this past week so perhaps a refresher course on the following topics would be helpful.

Michelle is troubled by deer in her orchard. “My apple trees have been surrounded by cages of four foot fencing since I planted them seven years ago. It has done the trick of keeping the deer away, and now the trees are quite large. My only problem is that the orchard looks unkempt. I almost never get around to cutting the grass that grows within the cages down. Is there some other type of deterrent that I can use to keep the deer from eating my apple trees? If so, I’d be able to take the fencing down and cut the grass fairly close with the lawn mower.”

Deer can sure be a nuisance to apple growers. At work, the perimeter of our orchard is enclosed by a seven foot chain link fence; it is great at keeping the deer out. If cost or aesthetics prohibits you from installing something similar height-wise around your trees, head

to the local grocery store or pharmacy and search out the soap aisle. Yes, you read correctly. Deodorant soap, the more fragrant the better, has been proven to scare away deer. According to “Deerproofing Your Yard & Garden” by Rhonda Massingham Hart (Storey Publishing, \$14.95) use the soap by first drilling a hole through unwrapped bars big enough to pass a piece of cording through, then hang in the trees three feet apart from one another and three to six feet off the ground. You can also unwrap the soap and insert it into nylon stockings then simply tie it in a loose knot around a branch. Either way the smell will permeate the surrounding area enough to keep deer at a distance. Dog hair, as well as human hair, also seem to work well as deterrents. Become good friends with the local groomer or hairdresser and collect their droppings, then hang bags of it



around the orchard at the height and distance recommended above. Both of these solutions, although not entirely aesthetically pleasing, seem to be better alternatives than the one you presently have.

This question came from Rose who lives in Ware: “My sister-in-law’s lilac has a sick look to it. The new growth is curling, turning brown and eventually dropping from the plant. Do you have any idea what could be causing this?”

Without seeing it I can’t give you an exact diagnosis, but I can guess that it may be either a bacterial blight or a phytophthora fungal blight. Both are common in wet weather, and we sure have had enough of that this spring. Symptoms of bacterial blight are splotchy leaves that turn brown and eventually die. New growth hangs in a pendulous fashion and flower buds sometimes blacken. Treat by pruning away the infected portion,

as well as about six inches of healthy tissue below it. In between cuts sanitize your clippers with rubbing alcohol. Keep the bush pruned to allow good air circulation, and fertilize and lime in early spring. A fertilizer with a higher second number (phosphorus) is recommended. Phytophthora fungal blight has similar symptoms with the addition of brittle leaves and infected mature foliage. Reportedly, white-flowered lilacs are more susceptible. For a definite verdict of your problem and ways to treat it go online to the UMass Amherst’s Plant Problem Diagnostics webpage and follow the directions to send them a sample.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.*

## BHN clinic for the treatment of substance use disorders opens

SPRINGFIELD – Behavioral Health Network (BHN) as of June 1 started a new outpatient clinic for the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD) on its Liberty Street campus. The clinic offers medically supervised methadone in addition to suboxone, vivitrol, other FDA approved medications and counseling.

BHN offers a full continuum of care and services in Springfield for those in addiction recovery. Recovery programs include acute treatment (detox), residential recovery homes, clinical stabilization, outpatient treatment and Driver Alcohol Education services.

The new clinic will serve those who have started medication treatment for their addiction in other healthcare facilities or can be a first step in starting medication treatment for their addiction. FDA-approved medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies will provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

The new clinic is open seven days per week and is located at 395 Liberty Street, sharing building space with other BHN programs. The campus also houses a crisis center, the Living Room, other 24-hour

treatment programs, an adult outpatient clinic, care coordination and outreach services and administrative offices.

According to BHN President and CEO, Kathy Wilson, “We are filling the gaps in treatment and expect that this clinic will help a substantial number of people who are finding the substance use disorder program a lifesaver as they continue on their road to recovery.”

Medical Director for substance use disorders at BHN, Dr. Ruth Potee said, “The data show better outcomes with the use of medication to treat substance use disorders. We have nearly 50 years of experience using methadone to save lives in the United States. BHN has a full scope of services to help people who struggle with addiction.”

BHN has been providing behavioral health services to children and families in Western Massachusetts since 1938. The agency provides community-based services that include innovative, integrated whole-health models as well as traditional clinical and outpatient and therapeutic services, day treatment, addiction services, crisis intervention and residential supports.

### UMBRELLA, from page 4

connected to the shaft bearing the weight of all the umbrella’s components and purpose.

Having “An all-weather Umbrella Plan” prepares us as family members and friends to be alert in protecting and safely preserving others and ourselves from any harmful, pelting, overexposure to surrounding elements.

There are times when life calls us to be a shaft; a strong, dependable central figure who is available and adjustable to “go the extra mile” with good intentions. There are moments when we must be flexibly supportive. There are events when strong,

extended arms need to hold up the ones who are also part of The Design’s intended good purpose. Resilient, properly placed, quick, spring-like action is another important deed when giving protection and coverings from what may cause damage.

However. Whenever. Wherever. We can brighten the world around us when choosing unique umbrellas with a patriotic, nostalgic, or whimsical design. Let’s get a grasp on situations and forecasts. Let’s grab a strong, portable, on-the-go umbrella for sudden showers. Let’s grip a big umbrella for sun-filled times in the backyard or beach. Hmm. Shall we take on life’s challenges with a pop-up “All-weather Umbrella Plan” and use it?

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**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. Japanese classical theater  
4. Chess pieces  
9. Pieces of writing  
14. Doctors' group  
15. Capital of Guam  
16. Type of turtle  
17. Swiss river  
18. MLB Hall of Famer  
20. Places to sit  
22. Fancy rides  
23. One of Washington's Tri-Cities  
24. Without class  
28. Male child  
29. Keeps you cool  
30. Biblical place  
31. Italian city  
33. District in central Turkey  
37. Job for a grad student  
38. Central nervous system  
39. Arrange in steps

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Civil Rights group  
2. Metropolis  
3. Badgers  
4. Regular business given to a store  
5. Gets older  
6. A bundle of banknotes  
7. Midway between north and northwest  
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9. Prestigious film prize: \_\_\_ d'or  
10. Baltimore ballplayer  
11. Removed  
12. Term of respect  
13. Genus containing pigs  
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21. One who symbolizes something  
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25. The academic world  
26. "Key to the Highway"

bluesman  
27. Hang-ups  
31. Long, leafless flower stalk  
32. Categorize  
34. Loads  
35. Indicates position  
36. Unreasonable  
40. Dorm worker  
41. Dweller  
45. Welsh female name meaning "snow"  
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48. National capital  
52. Firm, dry and brittle  
53. 007's creator  
54. Allied H.Q.  
56. Mackerels  
57. Month of the Hindu year  
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60. Belonging to a thing  
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62. Religion  
63. Equal, prefix

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## In The News

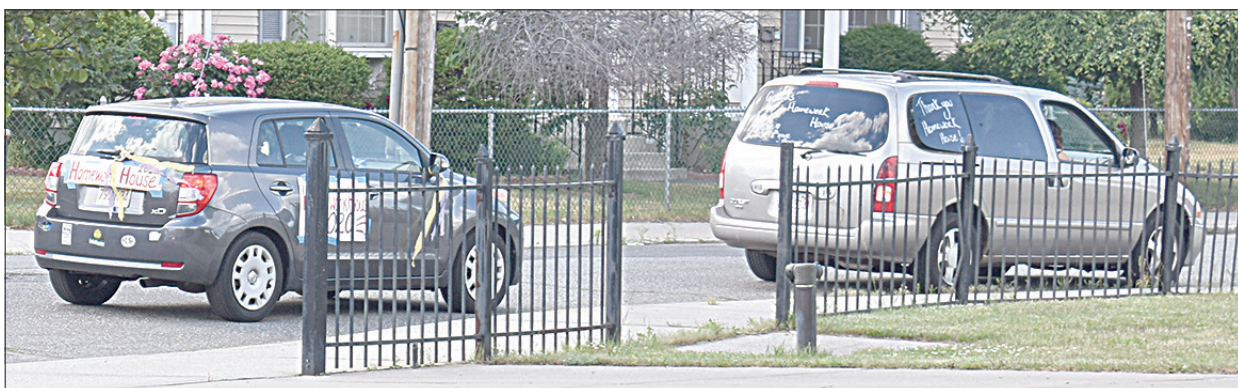


Staff of the Holyoke Homework House made 'goodie-bags' for their graduating students.



Melissa Melendez and Kiara Nazario, two peer leaders at the Holyoke Homework House. They were passing out graduation bags to the kids in their cars.

*Photo by Shelby Macri*



Staff and families decorate their cars and go on a parade route to celebrate the Holyoke Homework House graduates.



## ***HOMEWORK, from page 1***

new state guidelines.

"We didn't want to lose that celebration and that chance to see all our students excited about their accomplishments," Dillon said. "So we wanted to bring closure and a celebration to the year."

The Homework House had broken up their gradua-

tion celebration into two days to safely greet everyone. They were practiced and ready for the second go-round, and were handing out pre-prepared goodie-bags for the graduates.

The program took a while to start up its online tutoring so when they began again they opened the program to students outside the typical grade parameters. The program was open for any student who needed help during the pandemic.

Volunteers tutored daily through regal program hours and were available by appointment for extra help in Science and Math. The program and its staff tried hard to keep up the tutoring for the kids who needed it. The summer program will also include extra grades for students who need extra help.

The summer program will focus on reading and details are still being worked on due to the post-COVID rules and regulations. One student who will be signing up for the summer program is Mauricio Palacio, a recent Homework House graduate and a soon-to-be eighth grader. His mother, Nathalie Vicencio explained how helpful the program has been for her son and how she's excited for him to participate in the summer program.

Vicencio attended the end of the year celebration with her husband Ruben Palacio, her son and Homework House graduate Mauricio, and her two daughters Gaia and Luna Palacio. Vicencio is South Hadley and is appreciative of the service that the Holyoke Homework House provides.

“I’m thankful for their help and all that they did for my son, I’m proud of how far he’s come.” Vicencio said. “He’s going to be signing up for their summer program and he’s excited for that, It’s nice to see him excited about school.”


The family decorated their car for the parade and proudly honked and showed support for the other graduates, and the kids all proudly waved from the windows.

As the staff of the Homework house celebrates their recent graduates, they are also working on creating their next program and are excited to take this next step. Though they have to work out a few issues, the homework house will be setting up and getting ready for sign up's for their program. Keep an eye on the Holyoke Homework House website as well as their Facebook Page for important updates and information.

**PRICING UPDATE:** We have some good news to report here at 90 Meat – **FALLING PRICES!** In addition to our sales items, regular prices of most fresh beef, pork, and chicken dropped for the first time today since before this pandemic started. Now we understand they are not back to “normal” but we anticipate this trend to continue for the next few weeks. We are optimistic that soon we will achieve our ultimate goal of **B.C. Pricing – Before Corona Pricing.** Please stay tuned as we are working diligently to get our loyal customers the best prices possible.

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## Valley Wheel Baseball looking at early July open

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in

the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is projecting tryouts in late June with an early July start to the game schedule. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good

time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to [www.valley-wheelbaseball.com](http://www.valley-wheelbaseball.com). The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at [wheel12@comcast.net](mailto:wheel12@comcast.net) or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.



Bryan Forest fields a ground ball during a Valley Wheel game last season. The league has started practicing this week.



The Angels' Gary Perreault, a graduate of Chicopee Comp, makes a throw to first. The league features players from all over the region.



The Valley Wheel League is looking for new players and tryouts are open now. *File photos*



Ken LePage tries to get the out at first.

### Adult league starts practice

REGION – With Phase 2 of the re-opening plan underway, some adult leagues have started practicing, hoping the timeline will allow games to begin playing shortly after June 30. The Valley Wheel League is currently accepting new players with a 5 to 10 game season planned, depending on how well the re-opening plan goes. See related article for contact information for the league.

### HOLYOKE BOYS TENNIS



There would have been just one senior on the Holyoke High School boys tennis team, Michael Lukasiewicz. Former coach Michael Reagan said of the senior, "Michael was a spirited member of our team that always brought lots of energy. He improved vastly each year, working his way from second doubles all the way to second singles. He was someone who I could count on to step up for a match, because he was never afraid of a challenge. I wish Michael all of the best moving forward. I know he has a bright future ahead of him."

*Submitted photo*

## Senior athletes featured

The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on every team that

would have been involved in this spring's season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com). In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

## Tri Track Open Modified Series to return July 4 at Monadnock

SEEKONK, Mass. – Tri Track Open Modified Series officials announced on Tuesday the 2020 season opener will take place at Monadnock Speedway on Saturday, July 4. The series will celebrate Independence Day with the first event of the season after a two-month delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tri Track has devel-

oped a list of strict guidelines to ensure the safety of race teams, drivers, staff and fans. Guidance provided by the state of New Hampshire and local officials, along with CDC recommendations were all used to come up with best practices.

Race teams will receive an email from series officials with a full list of guidelines and event information and are

encouraged to contact series officials with questions.

Teams will be restricted to 10 crew members per car, including the driver and car owner, and face coverings are strongly encouraged when social distancing is not possible. Tri track officials will use face coverings. Social distancing protocols will be in place and teams are asked not to

enter another competitors pit stall to avoid groups larger than 10.

Fans are allowed at the track due to guidance provided by the state of New Hampshire that allows the track to operate at 50 percent of capacity.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series management realizes that some of the guidelines being imposed are not

ideal, but we are working to ensure that the health and safety of competitors, team members, officials, employees and fans is paramount at this time.

"It's been a long wait to get the season rolling and we're so happy we are getting back to the track," Wayne Darling, Managing Partner of the Tri

*See MONADNOCK, page 8*



## Schedule for college tip-off tourney

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the field of teams and brackets for the 2020 Tip-Off Tournament. The annual NCAA men’s exempt tournament sponsored by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will take place Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut. Eight schools will compete in two four-team brackets with campus round games leading up to the Mohegan Sun Arena contests.

Teams scheduled to participate in this year’s Tip-Off Tournament are: University of Central Florida (American Athletic), Marquette University (Big East), University of Minnesota (Big 10), University of Rhode Island (Atlantic 10), University at Albany (America East), Lehigh University (Patriot League), Long Island University (Northeast), and Quinnipiac University (Metro Atlantic).

“The Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament has proven to be one of the

best early season events in the country, offering great competition and an outstanding venue,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “We look forward to hosting this year’s field of teams and their fans at beautiful Mohegan Sun.”

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will continue to serve as the host conference for the annual event. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is also proud to continue its relationship with Learfield IMG College for sponsorship representation of its portfolio of collegiate events.

Ticket information, game times and television broadcast details and will be released at a later date. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and provide updates as needed. For more information, please visit [www.halloffametipectoff.com](http://www.halloffametipectoff.com).

## Quabbin League hoping for mid-July start

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season

going forward. Sign-ups should resume soon. Based on the governor’s re-open plan, the league is aiming for a start to the season in mid-July with a modified schedule. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbin-valleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

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Track Open Modified Series, said. “We are expecting a stout entry list for this event and look forward to getting our season back on track, while making sure we keep everyone safe.”

Names like defending series champion Ronnie Williams, who drives for veteran Gary Casella, former champion Matt Hirschman, nicknamed ‘Money Matt’ and multiple-time series winners Ron Silk and Chase Dowling are expected to be in the list of favorites.

Don’t count out drivers like Matt Swanson, Woody Pitkat, Tommy Barrett, and Mike Willis, among others. The Tri Track Open Modified Series is known for a talent-laden field including some of the top modified drivers in the entire Northeast region.

Monadnock’s event will pay \$6,000 to win, \$3,250 for second and \$2,600 for third. All drivers that qualify for the feature race will take home at least a \$1,000 prize. There have been no changes made to the purse structure following the COVID-19 pandemic.

New for 2020, the Pepsi Challenge begins with heat and consi races paying the winner. Courtesy of Pepsi, each heat and consi will pay \$300 to win, giving drivers every extra incentive to step on the loud pedal during the qualifying races.

Registration for Monadnock remains open at \$150 for just the one event, or \$450 for the entire season. The \$450 amount is only in place for teams that register by the time of entry into Monadnock. Teams that have

already registered do not need to register again. Those who have not must visit [tritrackmodifieds.com](http://tritrackmodifieds.com) and the team info tab to fill out their registration.

Teams will be asked to contact Michelle at the Monadnock track office at 603-239-4067 with their car number and list of 10 people entering on their crew.

If a team does not have 10 people, just be ready to provide the people you have planning on attending. Teams can pre-order tires at Hoosier Tire East beginning immediately by calling Dan at 860-646-9646.

The schedule for the day includes pits opening at 9 a.m., practice starting at 12 p.m., heats starting at 4 p.m. and the feature to follow qualifying. Support divisions will be announced soon. There will be no drivers meeting on race day – teams will be provided a handout with updated race procedures upon entry.

Series officials anticipate the remainder of the 2020 schedule will remain in place. A stop at Star Speedway on Saturday, July 25, is scheduled for the annual SBM 125, followed by another date at Monadnock on August 15. Seekonk Speedway’s rescheduled Open Wheel Wednesday for August 26 and the Haunted Hundred on October 24 will wrap the schedule.

For more information on Monadnock Speedway, visit the track at [monadnockspeedway.com](http://monadnockspeedway.com). For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series, visit [tritrackmodifieds.com](http://tritrackmodifieds.com) and follow the series on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest updates.

## ► In The News

# Protesters make way to town

AGAWAM – Last Wednesday night, protesters in the “Black Lives Matter” movement made their way to Agawam. Protests have been held all over the region to raise awareness for police brutality, racism, and other related issues. Protesters started at Agawam High School, and marched to the Agawam Police Headquarters on Springfield Street.



On-lookers listen to speeches at Harmon Smith Fields in Agawam.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Simbrit Paskins, a teacher at Holyoke High School, leads a protest in Agawam last Wednesday evening.



The field fills up with protesters.



The “Black Lives Matter” protests moved into Agawam last Wednesday evening.



The protesters had several different messages for police and government officials.



# Baystate Health joining hospitals nationwide in seeking plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients

SPRINGFIELD – Actor Tom Hanks has done it. So has his wife Rita Wilson. Several NBA players, too, and now singer Andrea Bocelli.

They have all donated convalescent plasma to help in the fight against COVID-19. Now, you may be able to donate your convalescent plasma locally at Baystate Medical Center.

“Baystate is pleased to announce the initiation of a new aspect to its Blood Donor Center operations joining with hospitals nationwide in seeking plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients. This new program initiative, termed ‘Hemotherapy Heroes,’ recognizes the important role these patient donors play in treatment efforts to combat the pandemic. Their plasma may help save the life of someone fighting desperately to recover from this deadly novel coronavirus infection” said Chester Andrzejewski, Ph.D., M.D., medical director of System Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine Services at Baystate Health.

Over 130 patient donors, who have recovered from their COVID-19 viral illness, have already reached out to Baystate’s Blood Donor Center to donate their convalescent plasma.

“The desire to help others after recovering from this debilitating virus is very important to these patient donors and their compassion in the face of their recent, sometimes severe illness, is very gratifying to see,” said Lynne O’Hearn, transfusion safety offi-

cer, Baystate Health.

Convalescent plasma is the liquid part of blood that is collected from patients who have recovered from the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 patients develop antibodies in the blood against the virus. Antibodies are proteins that might help fight the infection. Convalescent plasma is being investigated for the treatment of COVID-19 because there is no approved treatment for the disease, and there is information that suggests it might help some patients recover from COVID-19.

If you have had COVID-19 and are fully recovered, you may be able to help save the lives of other COVID-19 patients by donating your plasma. Your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies helped your immune system to defeat the virus when you were sick, which means that your plasma may be able to help others who are now infected with the disease.

To qualify, you must meet the following current requirements:

- You must be able to meet routine blood donation eligibility requirements
- You must have a prior COVID-19 diagnosis documented by a laboratory test
- You must be fully recovered for at least 28 days
- You must be willing to authorize Baystate Health access to your medical record for the purpose of determining your eligibility for COVID-19 convales-

cent plasma donation.

Those who meet the requirements and want to donate their plasma can fill out a plasma donation data form at <https://www.baystatehealth.org/services/blood-donor/covid19-plasma> to begin the evaluation process.

If you haven’t had COVID-19 and still want to help, you can consider donating blood.

A single whole blood donation at Baystate Medical Center can save up to two lives. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges to the U.S. blood supply. Donor centers have experienced a dramatic reduction in donations due to the implementation of social distancing and the cancellation of blood drives. Blood is needed every day to provide lifesaving treatments to patients with a variety of medical and surgical conditions.

“We are grateful to everyone who has shown up to donate blood at our Blood Donor Center during the COVID-19 pandemic, and can’t stress enough the continued need for blood and platelet donations even as shelter-in-place restrictions are slowly being lifted in the community,” said Amy Khalil, Baystate Health’s blood donor recruiter.

During the pandemic crisis, Baystate Health has relocated its blood donation operations to 361 Whitney Ave. in Holyoke.

The Blood Donor Center is open daily: Monday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and

Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are given priority and can be made by calling 413-794-4600. However, platelet donations at Whitney Avenue are scheduled by appointment only.

Those donating whole blood must be in good health, be at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Per the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), whole blood donors should refrain from blood donations for 14 days if you have had any symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive diagnostic test (nasal swab test) for COVID-19.

Additional protocols implemented during the coronavirus pandemic for the safety and health of our blood donors include:

- Prescreening donors prior to their entering the Blood Donor Center
- Extra precautionary cleaning of equipment and workspaces
- Increased physical distancing between donors to comply with social distancing and group gathering restrictions.

For more information, contact the Baystate Health Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600 with questions or to make an appointment, or visit the Blood Donor Program on the

Baystate Health website at <https://www.baystatehealth.org/services/blood-donor>.

## POLICE, from page 1

dance of support for policing reform around the country. Police Chief Manny Febo released the updated set of policies last week as a way to codify and clarify existing practices of the Holyoke Police Department. The policies echo the 8 can’t wait campaign, with the goal is to bring immediate change to police departments. The campaign statement states “We’ve heard from communities across the country who, like us, have demanded radical transformative change that moves beyond policing as key to public safety.” the statement goes on to say “Our organization was founded on utilizing a data-driven approach to creating solutions, and we are building processes to ensure our future projects are bolder, more transparent and accountable to communities.”

This campaign believes in the reform and redirection of police departments across the country, as a way to keep communities safe everywhere. These policies are backed by research that showed that more restrictive use of force policies can reduce killings by police and save people’s lives. This is the entirety behind these policies, to ensure a safe way of protection. In addition to these policies, Mayor Morse signed onto the “Mayor’s Pledge” that was issued by the Obama Foundation’s “My Brother’s Keeper Alliance” that calls on Mayor’s across the country to commit to four

actions. Including to review your police use of force policies, engage your communities by including a diverse range of input/experiences and/or stories in your review, report the findings of your review to your community and seek feedback, and reform your community’s police use of force policies.

In addition to the Mayor’s Pledge, Mayor Morse announced the formation of a Civilian Review Committee. In order to help the first of his pledge’s actions, to review the city’s policing policies and to provide policy feedback and recommendations to Morse, Febo, and the Holyoke City Council in the event of necessary ordinance changes.

In a press release, Morse explained that he’s spent some time listening to different voices and experiences of people whose lives have been different from his, lives that aren’t as safe and have less justice due to skin color.

“That’s part of what makes democracy work,” Morse said. “Our ability to hear each other, to empathize with each other, to try to walk in each other’s shoes. That’s the beginning of solidarity, and that’s how we build coalitions that can create lasting change.” The updated and codified policies are a first step in reforming the force that protects and serves, as well as the force of the community. Any community members that are interested in serving on the Civilian Review Committee, should email a statement of interest to the Mayor’s Office at [mayoroffice@holyoke.org](mailto:mayoroffice@holyoke.org)

## BUDGET, from page 1

ning sessions for Fiscal Year 2021 optimistic about the promise of new resources from the Student Opportunity Act,” said Zrike. “Expected to be phased in over seven years, Holyoke was positioned to receive approximately \$4.3 million in critically needed funds that our students deserve. Sadly, the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to result in significant budget reductions. Consequently, it will be important to monitor shifts in state revenue during FY21 and FY22 to

mitigate the impact on student learning in the classroom.”

The budget highlighted recent accomplishments of the district since going to receivership. The graduation rate has increased to 72.2 percent while the dropout rate has declined to 3.6 percent. The middle school experience has been strengthened, and out-of-school suspensions and absenteeism rates have decreased. Soto also noted that more than \$17 million has been invested into the infrastructure of the schools.

The budget will move to the Holyoke City Council for approval.

## MARKET, from page 1

Vendors will be bringing fresh local produce, eggs, and some specialty items. HIP and SNAP are accepted at the market and we invite everyone to attend.

The market will look different this year due to the impact(s) from COVID-19 and we are following the guidelines given to us from the CDC, the Baker-Polito Administration and CISA. We have been working hard to make sure that we can continue to bring fresh, local, and nutritious food to the community of Holyoke while ensuring we keep everyone at the market safe.

Customers will see that the market area will be roped off and there will be one exit and one entrance to the Holyoke Farmers’ Market with a one-way flow through the market area that stops at each vendor. All market personnel will be wearing gloves and masks and customers will also be asked to wear a mask to the market and to use hand sanitizer before entering the market area. As always, please remember to stay home if you are sick and to avoid touching your face.

We are excited to see everyone at the market this season. Check out our Facebook page for updates and more information.

## GUIDANCE, from page 1

Leadership team met on Thursday, June 4. Dr. Zrike and Valerie Annear, Chief Instructional Officer, provided an update on guidance provided by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Commissioner Riley to superintendents from across the state. To promote coordination and consistency across the state, by June 15th, DESE will release concrete requirements for districts and schools for returning to school. Given the changing nature of the coronavirus, there will be a continuum with in-school models, and it is important to ensure districts have the capacity for remote learning. It is clear that personnel protective equipment (PPE) and social/physical distancing will be important, so we are working to procure necessary supplies and equipment and plan for appropriate measures.

We have also connected with nearby districts to understand their planning approaches and talk about areas for coordination. Although the largest majority of our staff are Holyoke residents, we also have many staff residing in Chicopee, South Holyoke, Springfield, West Springfield and Westfield, so we are especially eager to understand the plans of these districts over the next couple of months.

Chief of Finance and Operations

Anthony Soto, who is leading the District-based facilities committee, presented the preliminary action plans in the areas of food service, technology, facilities and transportation, based on current best practices recommended by the CDC and DPH. As we have done over the past few months, we want to ensure that students have access to food and technology. We discussed ways to safely ensure access to food, as well as plans to expand access to devices for student learning. The team is working closely with Hillyard, a leading manufacturer and distributor of cleaning and hygiene solutions, to develop a detailed and enhanced hygiene, cleaning and disinfection plan, which includes preparedness, cleaning frequency, cleaning and disinfection practices, hand hygiene, and awareness.

We also want to remind people that although our office is closed to the public, new families can still enroll their children online through a laptop, iPad, smartphone or other device by visiting [www.enrollholyoke.com](http://www.enrollholyoke.com). If a prospective family does not have access to online enrollment, they can call or text the hotline numbers (413.561.0862 for English or 413.314.3560 for Spanish) to arrange a time to receive and/or return paperwork outside of our building. It is important to register early, so families can beat the summer rush and so that our schools can prepare to welcome their children.



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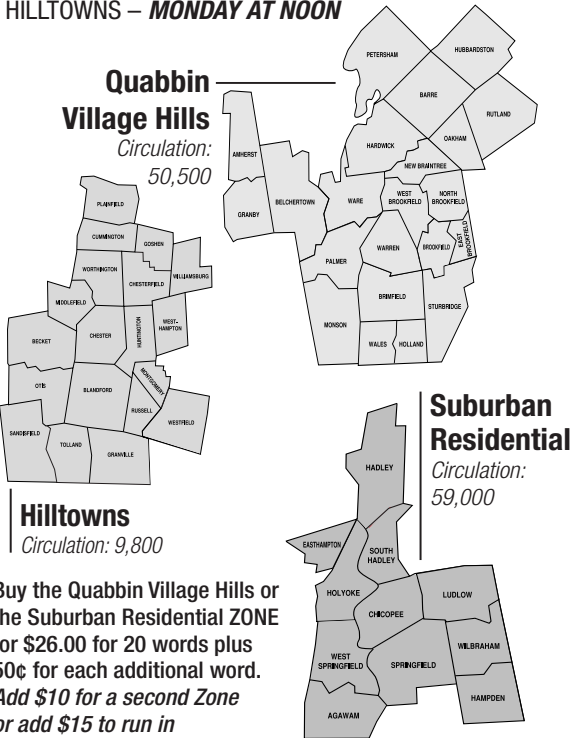
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The Petitioner requests

that: Brandon M Eldred of Holyoke, MA and Patrice M Eldred of Holyoke, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/20/2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objec-

tions within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 15, 2020  
Suzanne T. Seguin  
Register of Probate  
6/19/2020  
**SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES**  
Under G.L. c. 159B Sec 6B as Amended  
By Senate 466 of 1989  
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2015 Toyota Camry  
Vin# 4T1BF1FK8FU474667  
LKO: Jimmie Oliver  
50 Stebbins St.  
Springfield, MA 01109  
6/12, 6/19, 6/26/2020

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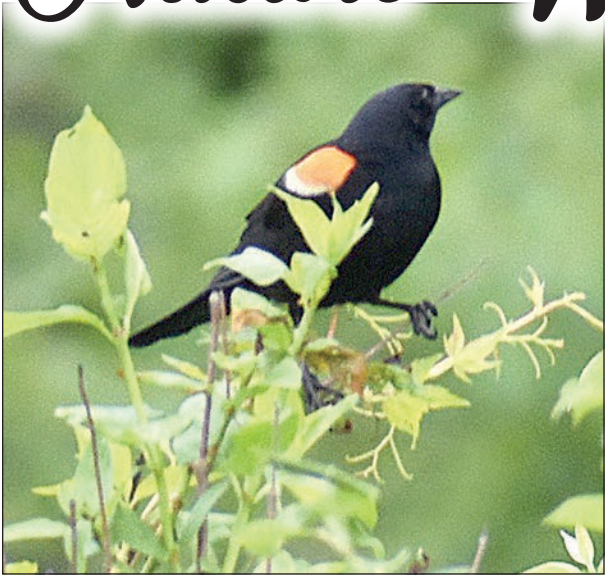
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